

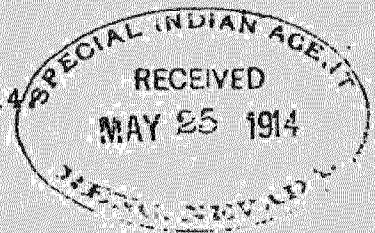
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Mr. C. H. Asbury, Special Agent,
Reno, Nevada.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst. I had a talk with Mr. Truxton Beale, over the telephone, in 1905 in regard to the status of the Indians on the Tejon Ranch. He assured me that as long as the Beale family held the property the Indians should not be molested. I suggested that he should make some provision for them in case of accident to himself, etc., but that made no impression. I also suggested that he could deed or sell to the United States the land the Indians live on, but he apparently was unwilling to do that and considered a possible sale of the ranch as too remote to be considered. I never pushed the matter, as I had several thousand Indians less well situated, who required attention first. Last fall, as soon as I saw that the ranch was sold and just about the time I left the Service, I wrote to Truxton Beale asking what provision had been made for the Indians and asking that the tract be sold to the U. S., either by him, or by the syndicate before anything else was sold. I never received any reply to my letter, though I received a copy of a book by Stephen Bonsall giving an account of E. M. Beale's life. I heard that Truxton Beal was in the east or Europe. The land should be bought now, before any settlers are there. I think the syndicate will sell, if the matter is brought before them properly. The Indians ought to have the fields they have been cultivating, the water they irrigate with, and sufficient hill land for pasture and wood, as well as their little village.

Very truly,

C. E. Kelsey